



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Magalia Reservoir Shaded Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION	Within the community of Magalia, CA approximately ½ mile north of Paradise, CA.	COUNTY	Butte
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A Shaded Fuel Break fuels reduction project utilizing hand crews to create a fuel break within the community of Magalia, CA, located ½ mile north of Paradise, CA. The project is designed to be 100 feet in width by 7400 feet in length, treating approximately 17 acres. Hand crews will cut brush and selected small trees and will hand carry the material to a chipper for chipping. The Chipper will be restricted to existing roadways and driveways. Some material will be piled and burned. Selected suppressed conifers under 8" dbh will be treated. Dead and dying conifers, hardwoods, and suppressed trees up to 11" dbh may be cut depending on location and condition. Existing dead material 1" to 3" diameter will also be chipped.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4; 15304 Minor Alteration to Land
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Class 4, section 15304 allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant /animal species, or cause significant erosion or sedimentation of surface waters. All work on this project will be by hand so minimal ground disturbance is expected. This project as proposed will not have a negative impact upon any listed species of animal or plant.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at the offices of CAL FIRE, Butte Unit.

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

